


Shoshone National Forest


Travel Management Planning




Agenda for Today's Meeting

- ▶ **Welcome and introductions**
 - ▶ **Present the Proposed Action**
 - ▶ **Discuss Comment Period**
 - ▶ **Review the timeline**
 - ▶ **Review Maps of the proposed action**
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Proposed Action

- ▶ The Proposed Action represents the proposals that address the purpose and need for the project.
 - ▶ All proposals were evaluated using:
 - ✓ Screens (criteria) – (from December meeting)
 - ✓ Resource specialist expertise and review
 - ✓ Field trips
 - ✓ Knowledge of local conditions
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What is the Purpose and Need?

1. Provide a system of designated public motor vehicle access routes and areas within the Shoshone National Forest.
 2. Consider existing resource concerns or enforcement issues.
 3. Consider some level of additional motorized opportunities; look at opportunities for "loops".
 4. Improve compliance with the existing road and trail system.
 5. Designate roads, trails, and areas for winter motorized travel – display on Over Snow Vehicle Use Map.
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Sideboards

1. **Proposed Action and any alternatives considered will be consistent with the Forest Plan.**
 2. **The Shoshone's back country forest character will be maintained.**
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How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need*

Consider some level of additional motorized opportunities; look at opportunities for "loops"

***Adds 36 miles of motorized routes to the system.**

***Increases loop opportunities by 106 miles.**

***Converts 16 miles of existing motorized trails to allow for 65" width (vehicles with a maximum tire pressure of 12 psi, and weigh less than 2,000 lbs.)**

How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need*

Consider some level of additional motorized opportunities; look at opportunities for "loops" (continued)

***Adds 13.4 miles of new motorized trails for 65" width.**

***Adds 5.9 miles of motorized routes to established disperse camping sites beyond 300' from a system road.**

How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need*

**Consider existing
resource concerns or
enforcement issues**

***Closes 12 miles of
roads to address resource
and/or enforcement
concerns**

***Converts 2.1 miles of
road to a motorized trail
(65" width) to reduce
impacts on resources**

How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need*

**Consider existing
resource concerns or
enforcement issues.
(continued)**

***Adds 61 miles of
seasonal use restrictions
to:**

- **protect road surfaces
during the wet season
(reduces maintenance
costs)**
- **reduce wildlife
disturbance**
- **increase wintertime
safety**

How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need*


**Improve compliance
with the existing road and
trail system**

***Consolidates the number
of different existing seasonal
use restriction dates on the
North Zone and makes them
more consistent across the
Zone.**

***Consider ideas from
Travel Management
Compliance Working Group
for improving compliance.**

How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need

Travel Management Working Group

- ▶ Formed in response to need for accountability on motorized system.
 - ▶ Consists of a cross section of users.
 - ▶ Explore ideas on what steps can be taken in education, enforcement, and infrastructure to improve compliance.
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How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need*

**Designate roads, trails,
and areas for winter
motorized travel**

***Adds 11 miles of ungroomed
snowmobile trails.**

***Closes 1,354 acres of cross
country skiing area to motorized
uses.**

***Prohibits tracked vehicles
larger than a UTV from using
groomed trails (for user safety).**

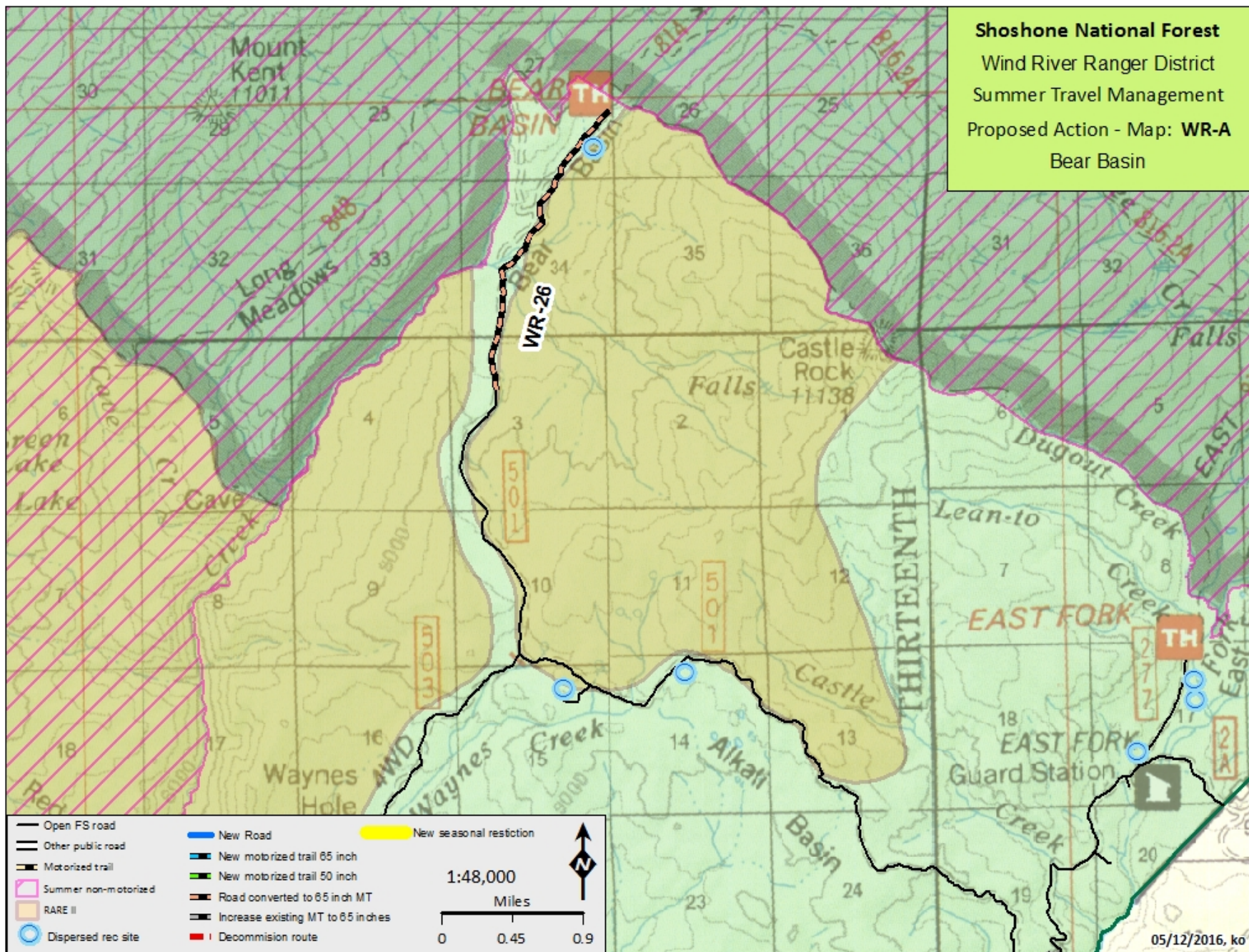
How Proposed Action Meets the Purpose and Need*

**Designate roads, trails,
and areas for winter
motorized travel
(continued)**

***Creates two winter
motorized seasons:**

- 1. A “high elevation” zone with
a season of 11/15 to 4/30.**
- 2. A “low elevation” zone with a
season of 12/1 – 4/1.**

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 Proposed Action - Map: **WR-A**
 Bear Basin



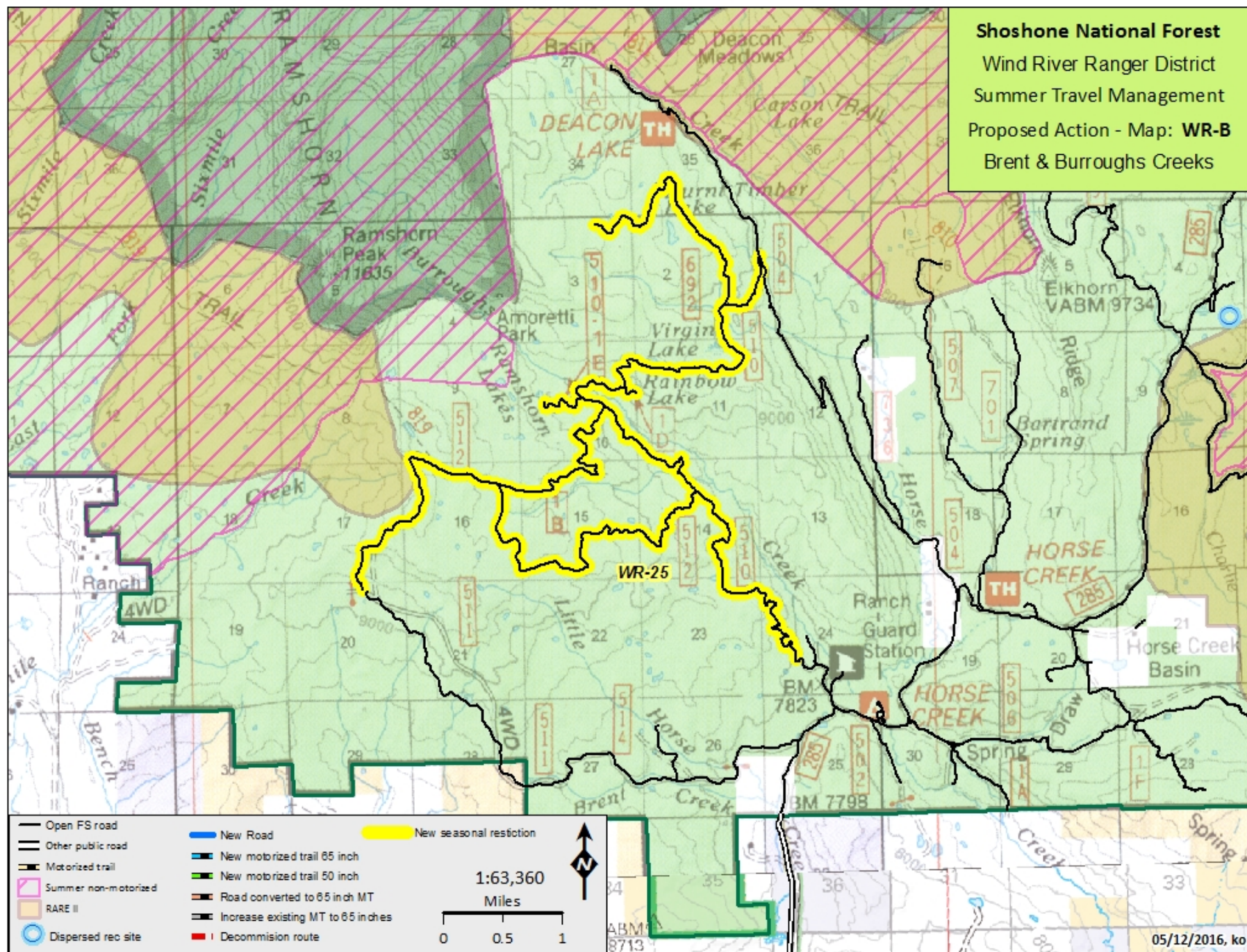
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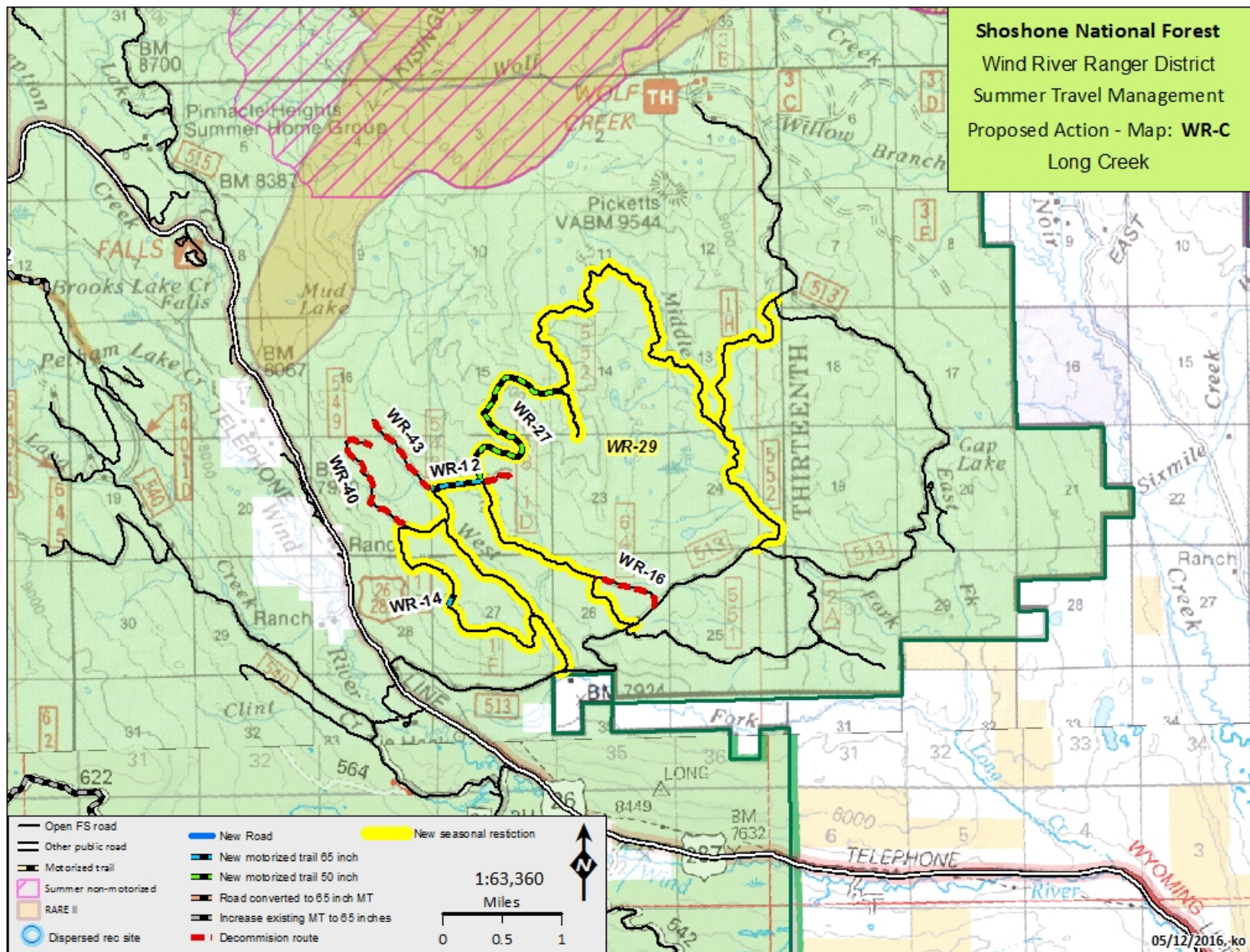
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Proposed Action - Map: **WR-B**

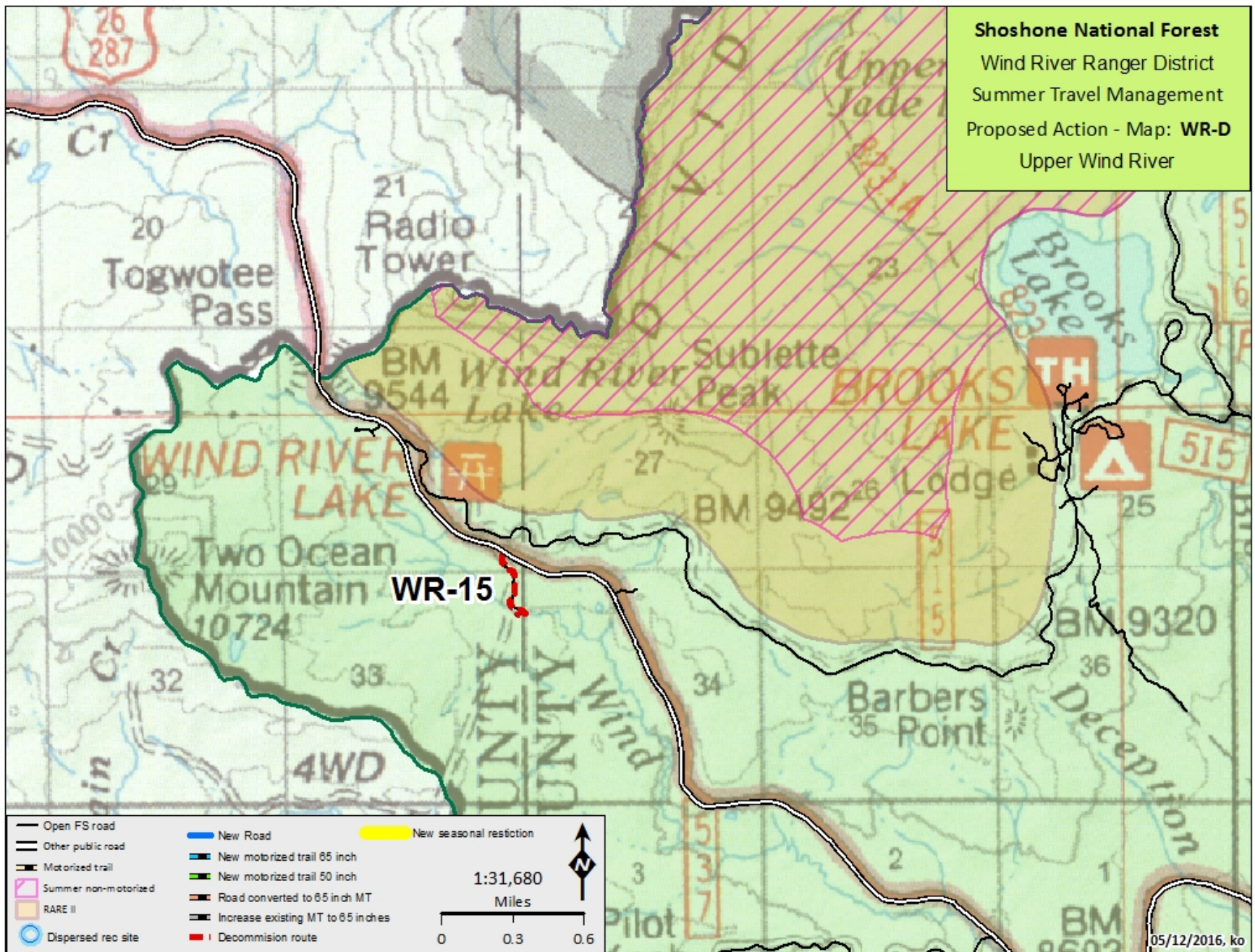
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 Proposed Action - Map: **WR-C**
 Long Creek

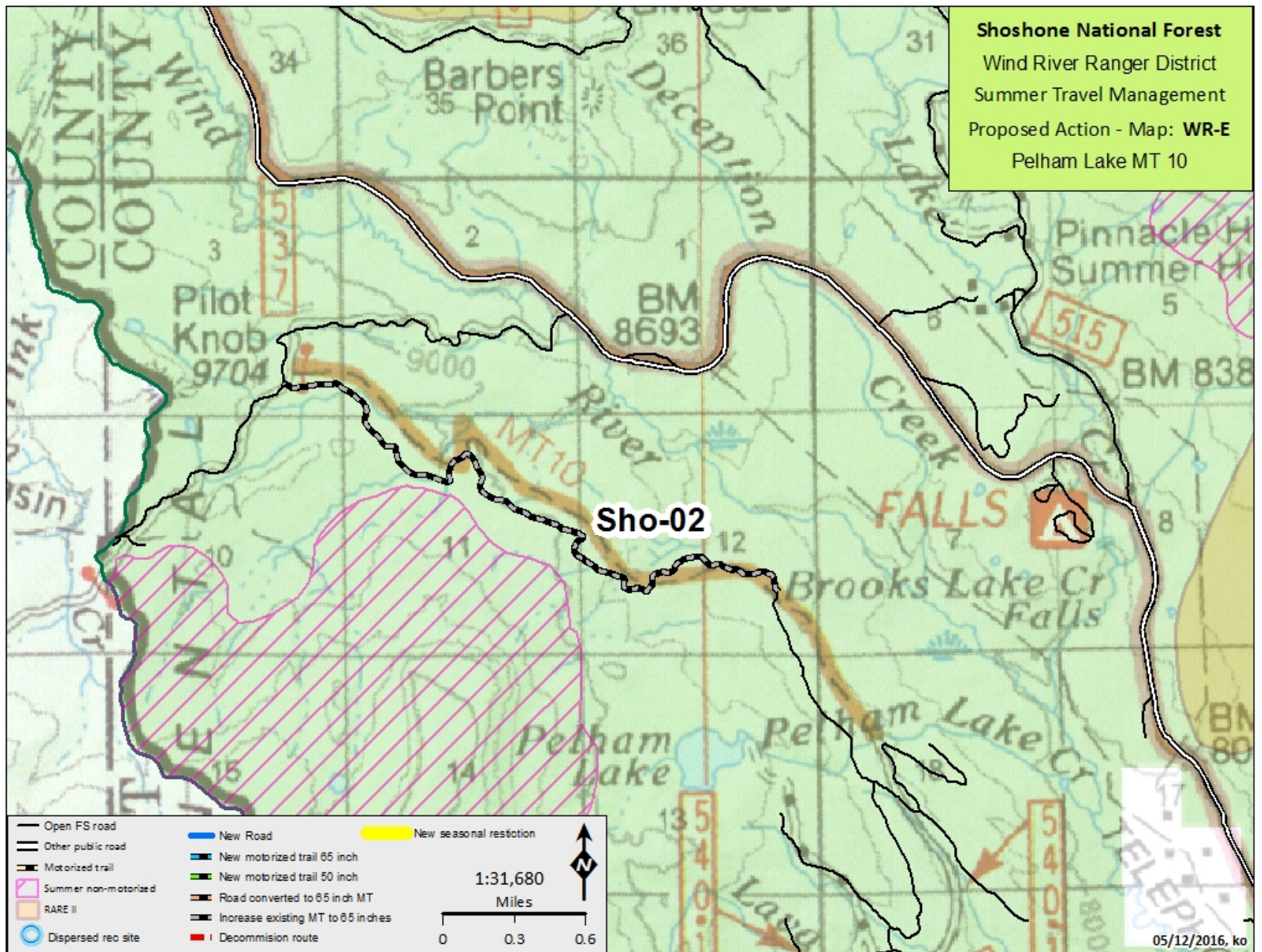


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 Proposed Action - Map: **WR-D**
 Upper Wind River



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 Proposed Action - Map: **WR-E**
 Pelham Lake MT 10



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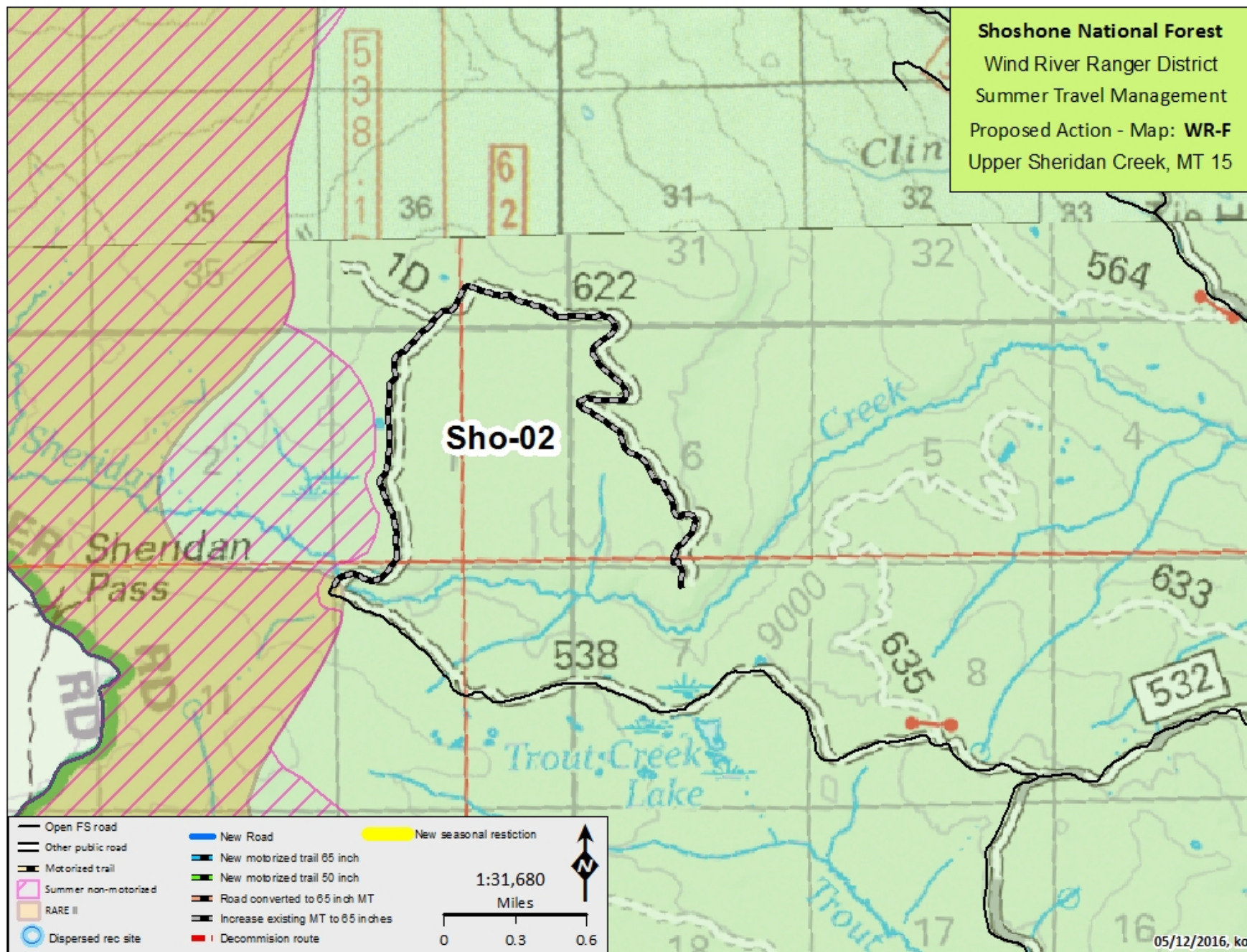
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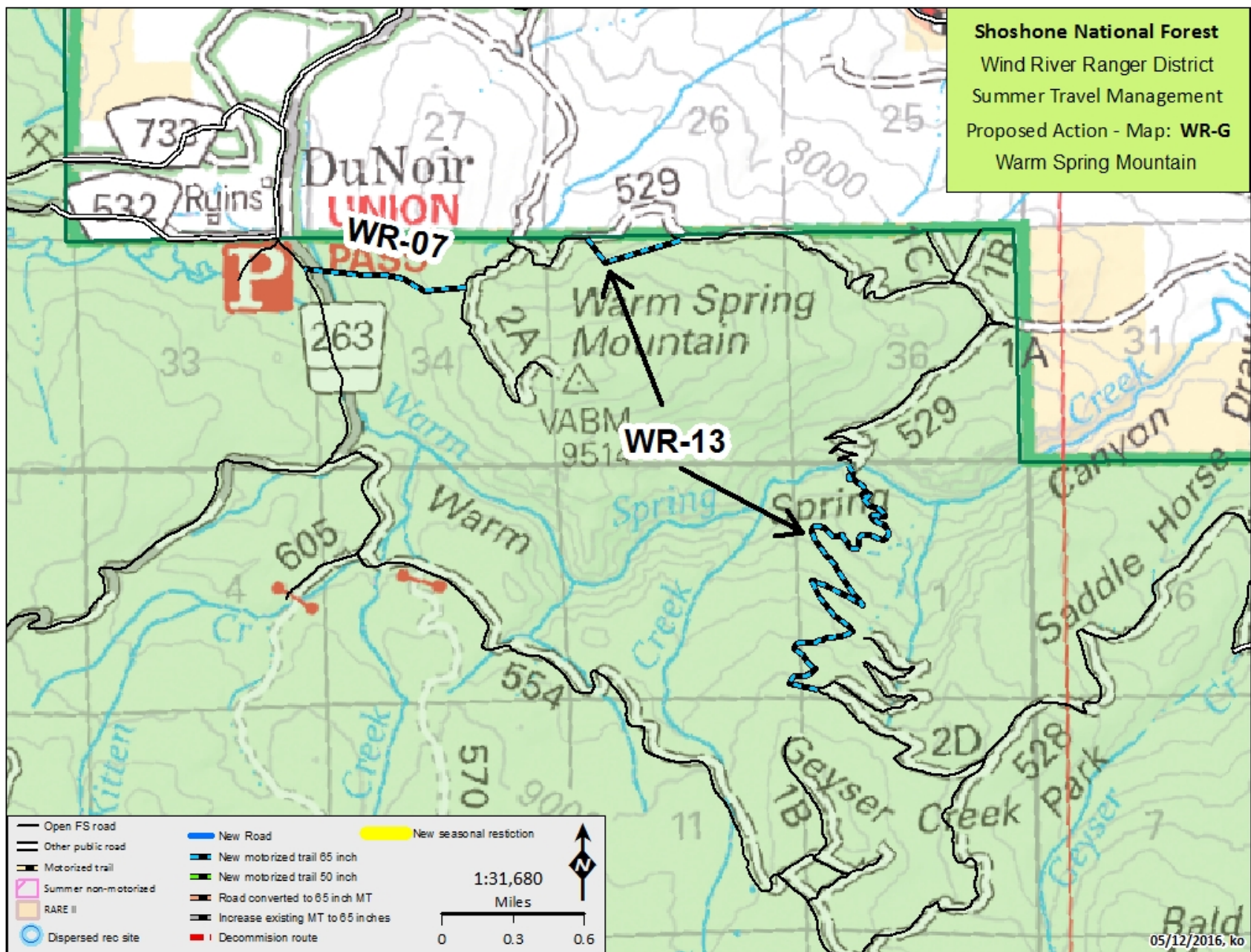
Proposed Action - Map: **WR-F**

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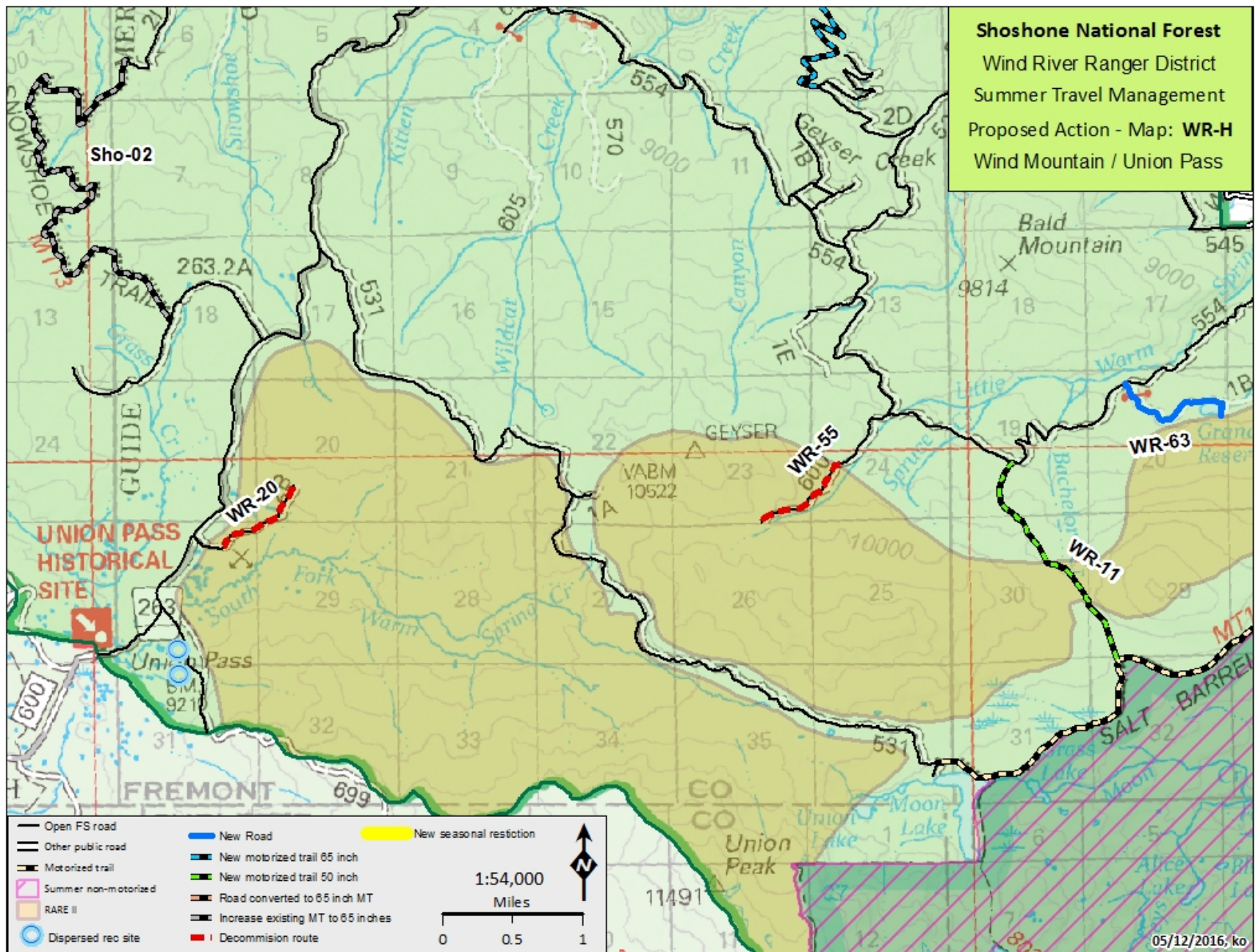


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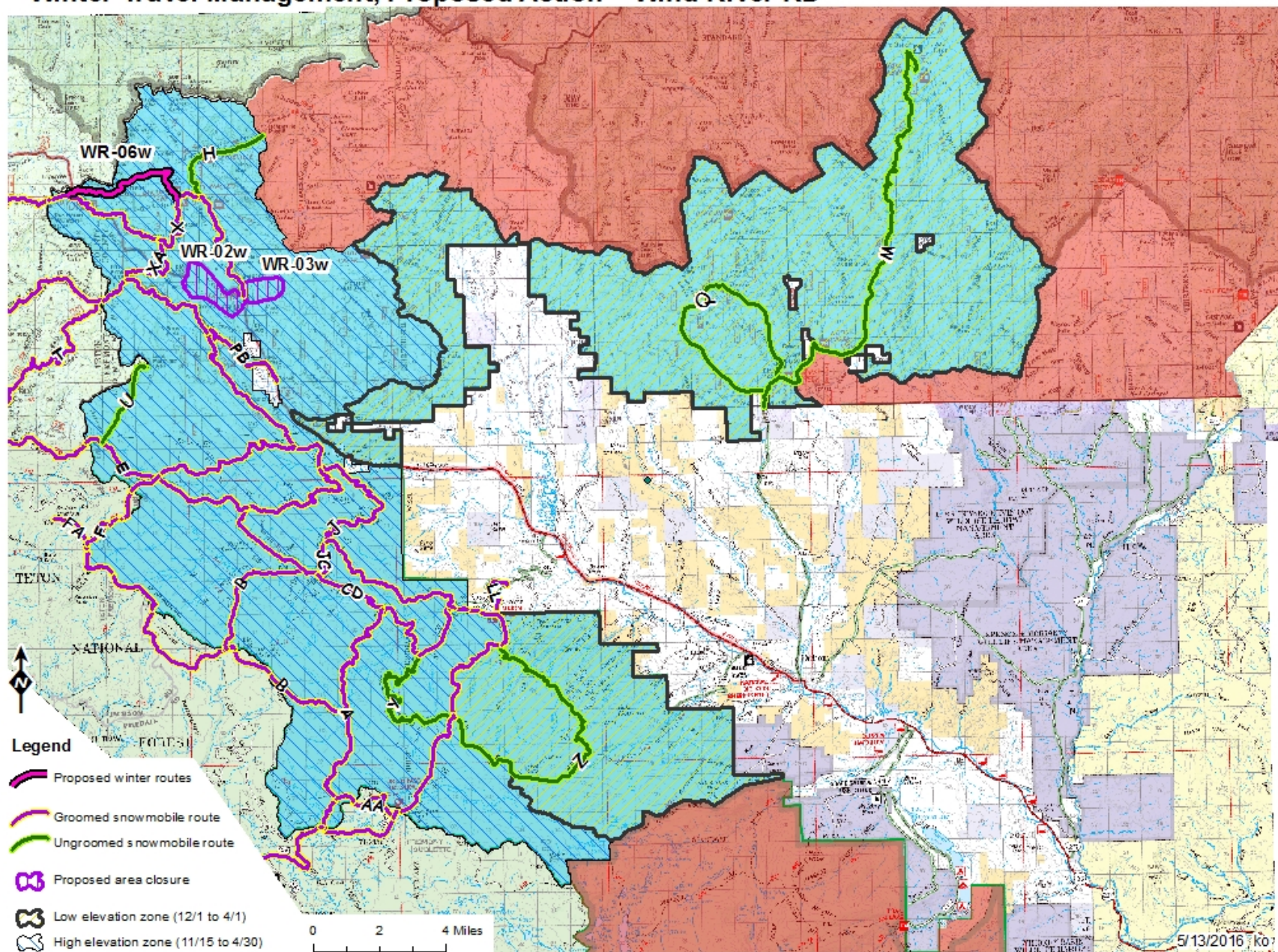
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 Proposed Action - Map: **WR-G**
 Warm Spring Mountain



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 Proposed Action - Map: **WR-H**
 Wind Mountain / Union Pass




Winter Travel Management, Proposed Action - Wind River RD




Comment Period

**The 30 day comment period will begin
May 27th**

- ▶ **The most useful comments are specific to the anticipated effects of the proposal (not votes or “I don’t like this...”)**
 - ▶ **Other useful comments address whether the proposal is meeting the stated purpose and need**
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Comment Period

- ▶ We are looking for your help identifying environmental concerns the Forest Service may not have considered.
 - ▶ Options for other ways of meeting the Purpose and Need that the FS may not have considered.
 - ▶ The comments will be used to help develop alternatives to the Proposed Action.
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How do I Comment?

Comments should be in writing

- ▶ Send email comments to email address:
travel_management_comments@fs.fed.us
- ▶ Written comments can be delivered in person to the Supervisor's Office, Wapiti, Washakie, and Wind River District Offices.
- ▶ Written comments can be sent to:
Rob Robertson
Washakie District Office
333 East Main Street
Lander, WY 82520

Travel Management Timeline

Date	Tasks
May 2016	Proposed Action and Scoping – Start of official Comment Period
Summer 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develop Alternatives▪ Develop Issues▪ Host field trips, if necessary.▪ Conduct analysis
Winter 2016/2017	Work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Spring 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Issue Draft Environmental Impact Statement▪ Host Public Meetings
Summer 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Host Public meetings▪ Host field trips, if necessary.
Spring 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Issue Final Environmental Impact Statement▪ Host Public Meetings

Time to Review Proposed Action Maps

